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~Rentals~

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Doug Rodger has done it again !

May 28, 7pm
Russell deCarle returns with new friends

August 6, 9pm
Whiskey Jack
Tribute to Stompin' Tom

August 27, 7pm
Samantha Martin
& Delta Sugar

Sept 24, 7pm
Ryan Vanlieshout
Haliburton's Rising Star!

Page Four For Season Series Special

Drinking Water At The Irondale Station

By Grenville Schrader

There was a "well – and iron pump" just west of the "Box Car" used as a waiting room and freight shed. Unfortunately, the water was *not fit* for human or beast consumption! The water had too much sulphur in it. Livestock was watered at the pond west of the Irondale Station. We humans drank "spring water"!

The CNR Section Crew and the Section Foreman's family had to bring in water for their regular consumption. The Section Crew and the Section Foreman's dwelling had several "Water Coolers" for their use. The Section crew had a "galvanized metal drinking cup" embossed CNR for drinking from their cooler!
(Yes - *Everyone* drank from the same cup)

In addition to the "galvanized" water cooler – the Section Foreman's dwelling had a "WOODEN COOLER". It was like a small whiskey barrel made with "staves and metal bands – lid and "spigot" sitting on a stand in the kitchen of the one box car.

There was a choice of "three" good springs for drinking water.

a) as you approached Irondale by road from the west – you crossed the "road bridge" over the Irondale river and then the crossing over the I B & O Rly (about a mile west of Irondale station). On the railway right-of-way near the crossing was a good "year round spring".

b) as you approach Irondale from the west – you had to cross a bridge over Devil's Creek. If you took a wagon road on the west side of Devil's creek and travelled south along the creek toward the "DAM" on Devil's Lake – there was a good spring with spring water before you reached the dam! We had to use our horse and buggy to get water at this location.

c) The third SPRING with good spring water was a Maxwell's Crossing – 2 miles EAST of Irondale. This spring was along the I B & O Railway's right–of-way south side. I believe the farm house of HOMER WRIGHT was close by on the north side of the Railway tracks from the spring!!!

I wonder if there are "Seniors" in Irondale today who remember the "OLD ROAD" and the springs ????

We would love to hear from you!

Highlands East includes Irondale in their exciting New Horizon For Seniors Program Grant—websites!

The goal of the project is to engage seniors in capturing, preserving and promoting the culture and heritage of the Municipality of Highlands East. This goal derives from a Cultural Planning and Cultural Mapping project completed by the Municipality.

During the course of that project, a large inventory of local cultural assets as well as historic locations, people and events were enumerated and a series of over two dozen cultural/historic maps were established on a free Google mapping platform by the mapping coordinator. One of the conclusions was that the area was rich in its culture and history and that the community, especially the seniors, were looking for an opportunity to share their knowledge, memories, and their own cultural assets such as photographs and artifacts.

The project, led by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, has equipped the organizations with the portable technology and know-how to reach out into the community of seniors in order to amass a digital museum and archive of the area's culture and history, as well as to digitize their own holdings. A part-time coordinator has been hired to train the volunteer organizations in the use of the hardware and software purchased for each organization.

Two websites are being created and populated with community content. One will be a website on which the cultural heritage, historic sites and folklore of the community can be featured. This website can also promote community groups and events for seniors.

The second website, created using very inexpensive software by The Next Generation, will contain a biographical history of the municipality, featuring family history and family trees, photos of settlers, homesteads, tombstones and family documents.

The work on the project is being done remotely, seniors and volunteers will contribute from home or the library. Others will be visiting other seniors in their homes to video their memories, scan their photos and documents, or to photograph their artifacts.

The heritage organizations will then upload the scanned photos and artifacts to the two websites, incorporating the cultural and historical information gathered from the seniors participating in the project.

The result of this work will be two-fold:
- an internet-based historical "family tree" of the community. *Details of living individuals will be suppressed.*
- an internet-based cultural and historical map of the municipality, populated with information on pioneer settlers and settlements, schools, industries, stories and events.

An announcement will be made when the websites 'go live' for general public viewing.

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Second Year In A Row !!!!

For the second year in a row, the Bark Lake Cultural Developments was nominated for the Chamber of Commerce Not for Profit of the Year Award. We certainly appreciate the recognition.
Thank You!

Above — certificate awarded

Right — Carol Simmons, second from left poses with the other nominees, waiting to hear "and the winner is ....."

It was brought to my attention, again, that **Herbert Aubrey Maxwell** of Gooderham, was decorated by King George VI at Buckingham Palace. My curiosity was peaked. I had to look into this story further. I recalled an article appearing in the Haliburton County Echo around Remembrance Day, but couldn't remember the year. Seems it was in a more recent year than I had anticipated. I spoke with Laura Smith and Jenn Watt at the Echo office, it was just a couple days until the article was attached to an email. You can read that article on our website www.IrondaleOntario.ca

We learn from that article that Aubrey (the name he was known by), had been invited to Buckingham Palace by the King, to receive a Military Medal. I wanted to show you what that medal looked like. I went to the internet looking for answers.

Using what I know, the Ancestry.com website, I was able to get Aubrey's information. Registration #, Rank and Regiment, (see page four). I then went through government sites looking for a picture of the medal. I found many pictures but wasn't 100% satisfied I had the right one. I sent a query to the Veterans Affairs Canada office. The result was a fabulous email from André D'Aoust, Honours & Awards Program Assistant. He sent a link to the page with a picture. You may wish to visit the website (at end of this article) to see all the other information available about the inscriptions, size, etc.

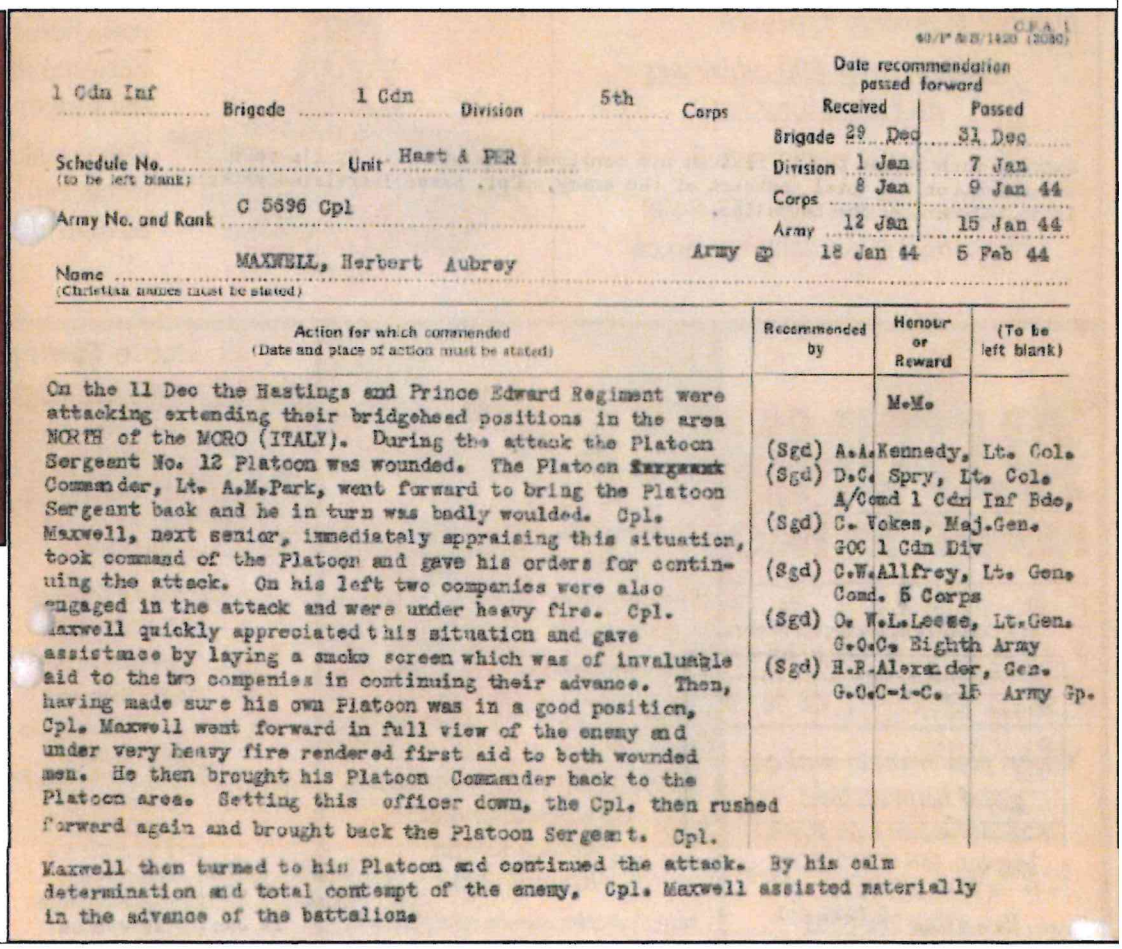
After I supplied André with the information from the Ancestry site, he was able to send the image - bottom right - that gives a very detailed account as to how Herbert Aubrey Maxwell earned his Military Medal.

Do you have a story you would like researched? I'd love to feature it in an upcoming issue. Contact Carol, her number is on the cover of this newsletter.

www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/medals-decorations/orders-decorations/mm

Above - Front view of the Military Medal awarded Herbert Aubrey Maxwell

Right - Citation Card for Herbert Aubrey Maxwell giving all the details of his heroic deed



C.F.A.

1 Cdn Inf Brigade 1 Cdn Division 5th Corps

Schedule No. (to be left blank) Unit Hast & PER

Army No. and Rank C 5696 Cpl

Name MAXWELL, Herbert Aubrey (Christian names must be stated)

Army Gp 18 Jan 44 5 Feb 44

Date recommendation passed forward

	Received	Passed
Brigade	29 Dec	31 Dec
Division	1 Jan	7 Jan
Corps	8 Jan	9 Jan 44
Army	12 Jan	15 Jan 44

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
On the 11 Dec the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment were attacking extending their bridgehead positions in the area NORTH of the MORO (ITALY). During the attack the Platoon Sergeant No. 12 Platoon was wounded. The Platoon Sergeant Commander, Lt. A.M.Park, went forward to bring the Platoon Sergeant back and he in turn was badly woulded. Cpl. Maxwell, next senior, immediately appraising this situation, took command of the Platoon and gave his orders for continuing the attack. On his left two companies were also engaged in the attack and were under heavy fire. Cpl. Maxwell quickly appreciated this situation and gave assistance by laying a smoke screen which was of invaluable aid to the two companies in continuing their advance. Then, having made sure his own Platoon was in a good position, Cpl. Maxwell went forward in full view of the enemy and under very heavy fire rendered first aid to both wounded men. He then brought his Platoon Commander back to the Platoon area. Setting this officer down, the Cpl. then rushed forward again and brought back the Platoon Sergeant. Cpl. Maxwell then turned to his Platoon and continued the attack. By his calm determination and total contempt of the enemy, Cpl. Maxwell assisted materially in the advance of the battalion.	(Sgd) A.A.Kennedy, Lt. Col. Comd 1 Cdn Inf Bde (Sgd) D.C. Spry, Lt. Col. A/Comd 1 Cdn Inf Bde (Sgd) C. Vokes, Maj.Gen. GOC 1 Cdn Div (Sgd) C.W.Allfrey, Lt. Gen. Comd. 5 Corps (Sgd) Oliver W.L.Leese, Lt.Gen. C.O.C. Eighth Army (Sgd) H.R.Alexander, Gen. C.O.C-in-C. 15 Army Gp.	M.M.	

ITA

DECORATIONS—C. A. S. F.

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SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. NO	RANK	C.A.S.F. UNIT
MAXWELL, Herbert Aubrey	C-5696	Cpl.	FILE NO. Los-M-28,702. Hast. & P.E. Regt. 11 0033 I

AWARD	L.G. AUTHORITY	DATE	PAGE	DEED OF ACTION OR CITATION (USE REVERSE SIDE)
MILITARY MEDAL	C.G. 11 36426	11-3-44 16-3-44	1044 1263	The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:-

Found using Ancestry.com website. Shows his Reg. No, Rank and C.A.S.F Unit

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Season Series Special

You won't want to miss the music this year.

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Russell deCarle, May 28
Whisky Jack, Aug 6
Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar, Aug 27
Ryan VanLieshout, Sept 24

Season Series Special - $95
all four concerts (save $10)

call/text 705-457-8438 for details

... the various advertisements in this issue. We are now taking business card sized ads in an attempt to off set the newsletter printing & postage expenses.

We have over 400 addresses on our mailing list.

Want to participate ?

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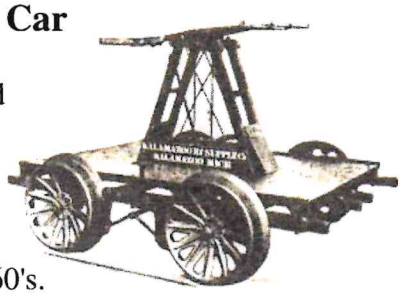
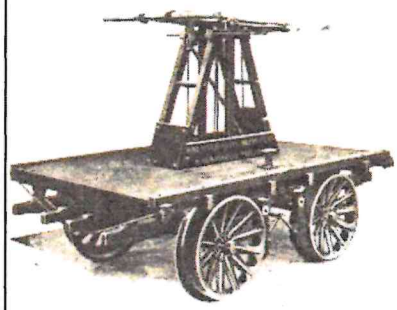
The **Railroad Hand-Pump Section Car** is a simple track maintenance vehicle consisting of a platform built on 4 flanged railroad wheels and propelled by hand power. Rods, gears and cranks are utilized to enable the car to travel along the rails. These unique vehicles were developed in the late 1850's and early 1860's.





A typical car could carry 4 to 6 track maintenance workers... a Section Gang, whose duties included replacing worn or rotted crossties, tamping stone ballast between the ties, aligning rails to maintain the proper gauge and elevation.

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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

Hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

March 20	**Pancake Breakast** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Many breakfast foods as well as pancakes. Invite your friends and family to hop down and join you for breakfast. Easter treats while supplies last. $15 per person 9am to 1 pm. Ticket information below.
April 9	**Fish 'N Fowl Feast**, held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Buffet Dinner at 6pm offering several kinds of fish with potatoes, vegetables, salad, beverage & dessert. Poultry will be served for those that don't relish fish. Loonie auction action after dessert. $25 per person Ticket information below.
May 21	**Victorian Luncheon**, held at Mansfield's, 16 Highland Gate Blvd., Minden. New menu still on china dishes, hot & cold dishes served from the sideboard. 11:30 & 1:00 sittings. You will want to get your tickets early. $20 per person. Spoil yourself. Ticket information below.
May 28	**Russell deCarle** returns with new friends. Concert at Irondale's heritage church. Sold out show last year. Get your tickets early. $35 per person. Ticket information below.
June 18	**Highlands Food & Beverage Showcase**. Outdoor venue—Wintergreen Pancake Barn, 3325 Gelert Rd, Minden. See advert on page 7
July 16	**Wild Game Dinner & Auction**. Doors open 5pm. Buffet served at 6pm. Loonie auction action follows dessert. $25 per person Ticket information below.
August 6	**Whisky Jack - Stompin' Tom Tribute**. We are excited to host Stompin Tom's band members for an evening remembering the man through stories and song. Music starts at 9pm. at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce. $25 per person. Ticket information below. Make it an evening - enjoy the Wilberforce Fair's roast beef dinner before the music.
August 27	**Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar** entertain us in Irondale's heritage church. Doors open at 6pm, Music at 7pm $25 per person. Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar have been nominated for 4 awards already in 2016! You will enjoy a roots/blues/gospel sound. Ticket information below.
September 24	**Community Corn Roast & Country Concert.** He opened for the August 2015 concert, now enjoy Haliburton's own country star Ryan VanLieshout for the entire evening. *"Ryan proved exactly why we call him 'the next big thing" Hollywood Jamboree.* Ryan entertains at 7pm inside Irondale's heritage church. Ticket information below.
October 9	**Thanksgiving Service** - 7pm at Irondale's Community Church. Join the community for the traditional service of thanks. Join us between your main course and dessert, you will feel better!
November 12	**Hunter's Dinner** served at the Irondale Community Centre, offered from 5pm. Menu to be announced at a later date.

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Another Great Log From the Hidden cache at Irondale's Heritage Building

Logged by: Purple zazu **Log Type:** Found it **Date:** 11/22/2015

Rennick1ca and I approached the cache, someone came around the church. We said hel to them as they came up to us asking if we found it. I was just opening it up. Adorable :) While we signed the log, we chatted with the local. He asked if we would like to see insi the church. We said we'd be delighted. He headed off so we returned the logbook where belonged and put everything back as it should be. Then strolled over to the front of the church. A minute later the gentleman reappeared and opened the front doors for us. We had a great time at this cache and enjoyed our history lesson as well. TFTC.

Hello Carol! Dec 21, 2015

Thank you very much for the latest newsletter. Jim and I enjoyed reading it – especially the history page of rail and train car photos. Beautiful!

I wanted to let you know also, that I have really enjoyed the complete set of Haliburton history books by John Hulbig that you gave us the last time we were in the area. Truly, what a wonderful legacy!

Thank you for your Christmas card and we hope you have a lovely Christmas and many blessings in 2016.

Please accept our gift to the church (it looks great!) with our encouragment to everyone to keep up the good work!

Sincerely;
Irene Rudd

We love to hear from you! Please keep sending us your cards, letters and emails are great too. Suggest topics to cover, we will do the research.

On His Deathbed

Ernie Gregoire is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His wife, daughter, 2 sons and a nurse are with him.

He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder to record his last wishes. When all is ready he begins to speak – "My son Mitch, I want you to take the Mayfair houses. My daughter Stephanie, you take the apartments on the east end. My son Brent, I want you to take the offices in the city centre. Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away, shocked by the extent of his holdings, as Mr. Smith slips away. The nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been a hard-working man to accumulate all this property for his family."

Sarah replies, "What property?

He had a Paper Route!"

Senior's Turkey Dinner.

Carol Simmons' mom (Pat Miller) attends many Irondale events, generally bringing several Peterborough friends with her. Carol was asked if she would cater Christmas Dinner for the residents of mom's apartment complex. How do you say no to a strong supporter (and family)?

With the help of husband Fred, Robin (Carol's cousin), Ricky and Raquel Linton of Irondale, Lorraine Polo (another great Irondale supporter) and Pat - the 44 residents were fed a full three course Christmas turkey dinner. Deb Mansfield had sent a couple great gifts down to be used as door prizes.

Each resident went home - with a full belly and a gift bag supplied by the Residents' Council. The proceeds were given to the Bark Lake Cultural Developments for their 'Refurbishing the Hall' project.

They really enjoyed their meal.

They have already booked us to cater their 2016 Christmas party!

Dine with the Danes A huge Thank You to Kurt and Linda for their fabulous meal planning. They shared traditional foods, facts and stories with us on February 20th. It was fun to learn the different pronunciations for some of the menu items. Gunner (Kurt's brother in law) explained the proposed 'toasting' ritual. The ice cold liquid is poured. Host raises his glass, others do the same, turning to one another making eye contact - leaving no one out. Host calls out "*Skål!*". Everyone takes a sip, make eye contact with all guests again, sets the glass down, not to be lifted again until the host does.

Kurt & his dad, Julius. 'Far' is 97 yrs old. 'Far' is Danish for father, pronounced 'Fa'

Some of the menu items were served to us, others were on the buffet table.

The eight door prizes seemed to go in family style - Allan & Lena Swain, Topi, Marja & Markus Tuomi, Fred Albert, George Simmons, and Bonnie Ryall.

Congratulations to all!

Most couldn't get enough of the pickled herring

Menu

Marinerede sild - pickled herring
Hønsekødssuppe - chicken broth soup with meatballs, dumplings & veggies
Tarteletter - chicken in pastry dish
Smorrebrød - open faced sandwiches
Æblekage - apple charlotte
Wienerbrød - fruit filled pastries

Gunner explained the art of the Danish toast

Linda created various pieces to spruce up the dining space, to take home & to educate us on Denmark. The hearts were cookie filled.

In true fashion, everyone helped to clean up afterwards.

Some enjoyed the Schnapps, others enjoyed the reactions

This soup is referred to as *Skrupad Suppe*. Known as the 'Go Home' Soup because it was served by the hostess when she wanted her guests to go home!

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Christmas Campaign.
Total to date - $ 5,190

Your designated donations will be set aside for the refurbishing project.
Grant applications will be filed and must be accompanied by matching dollars.

If you wish to help the Irondale community
refurbish the hall at the 'Irondale Church',
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Looking forward to hearing from contractors.

EXTRA EXTRA DAILY NEWS READ ALL ABOUT...

Musical events offered this year

Russell deCarle, Whisky Jack, Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar and Ryan Vanlieshout.

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